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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Mr. Deivasigamany's question pertains to the high personages partaking in the functions of distributing prizes. The Hon. Minister answered that he would charge the culprits concerned. Does he mean by that, the Mayor of Madras and the Hon. Chairman of the Madras Legislative Council are some of the culprits of that nature? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I am sorry the hon. Member has not understood what I said. The crime can be put down only by punishing the culprits concerned. I have already answered on a previous occasion that the Government have issued a press release warning the public that such crossword puzzle companies are trying to dupe them. But as regards the allegations made in respect of individuals, I would not be able to answer it."

MR. SPEAKER :—" They are not making any allegation. They have not made the point clear."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" I wanted that the Government should see that highly-placed officials and responsible persons should not take part in functions arranged to distribute prizes in crossword competitions."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The hon. Member should understand the difficulty of the Government. The Government cannot issue such instructions to individuals presuming that they are taking part in it. What we can do is to issue a press release stating that these are the facts and this bogus competition should not be encouraged and the Government are taking action to book the culprits. That is all what the Government can do in the matter."

Method of recruiting Assistant Commercial Tax Officers.

* 364 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the recruitment of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers by transfer from the category of Sub-Registrars of the Registration Department has been stopped; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) When the Commercial Taxes Department was formed in 1939, there was need for persons trained in executive work. The Government accordingly recruited men to that department from the Revenue, Excise and Forest Departments. Later on, they recruited men to the posts of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers also from the Registration Department. In 1953, the Government examined the question whether it was necessary to continue to recruit men to the posts of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers from the other departments. They

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considered that it was high time that more candidates were taken in by direct recruitment and that fresh blood was bound to do better in many cases. They accordingly decided that recruitment to the posts of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers should be made from those who were fresh from Universities, or with considerable experience in reputed commercial firms and institutions and by promotion within the Commercial Taxes Department and transfer of clerks working in the Commercial Taxes Branch of the Board of Revenue and of upper division clerks in the Commercial Taxes section of the Revenue Secretariat, the recruitment from other departments being confined to men from the Revenue Department only."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Why should the recruitment by transfer be confined only to the Revenue Department and not extended to the Registration Department, especially in view of the fact that there is no opening for Sub-Registrars to better their prospects and the Sub-Registrars as Assistant Commercial Tax Officers have discharged their duties till now faithfully and honestly in the Commercial Taxes Department?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the officers of the Revenue Department are more useful as they have training in that line. As for absorbing men from the Registration Department, we shall think of other lines for them."

SRI A. APPU :—" Are the Government aware that, as a result of the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive, a large number of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars who have put in several years of service have been reverted? Will the Government consider their cases specially and absorb them in the Commercial Taxes Department as early as possible?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, the Government have now removed the distinction between men working in the districts where the Judiciary is separated from the Executive and men in other districts where it is not separated, as far as recruitment to the Commercial Taxes Department is concerned. All are treated on a par and will be absorbed as and when necessity arises."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that most of the Sub-Registrars enter as Sub-Registrars and retire as Sub-Registrars? They will lose enthusiasm in the work when they see no chances of promotion and life to them will become a dull routine. Therefore, will the Government see that they are given some chances of promotion either in the Commercial Taxes Department or in any other department?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In the case of retirement and resignation, the Assembly is open and the Ministership is also open for them."

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SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" In reply to a question, the Hon. Minister said that men recruited from the Revenue Department are more useful than men from other departments. Are the Government aware of the fact that the officers affected consequent on the introduction of the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive were not recruited? It is only in the year 1953 that they were recruited? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" They were not recruited for some time, as the hon. Member said. Now we are not making that distinction. We are recruiting all people."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Will the Hon. the Revenue Minister consider the desirability of absorbing only those Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars who have put in more years of service rather than absorbing those Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars who are juniormost? " 10-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think what the hon. Member says is done generally."

Acquisition of lands for cheri sites.

* 365 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state whether the proposals for acquiring lands for cheri sites in (i) Kallipatti Kondayampalayam village kasba, (ii) Mettupalayam village kasba, and (iii) Perundalaiyur village kasba, all in Gobichettipalayam taluk, Coimbatore district, are pending with the Government; and if so, for how long and for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Proposals for acquisition of lands for provision of house-sites to the Harijans of Kallipatti Kondayampalayam kasba and of Mettupalayam village kasba are pending with the Collec--- of Coimbatore from 1951 and 1950 respectively. In the case of Kallipatti, the delay is due to the fact that the Harijans are wavering in the matter of selection of sites. As regards Mettupalayam, the lands originally selected were found to be valuable and alternative lands had to be selected. No application has been received from the Harijans of Perundalaiyur village."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" கள்ளிப்பட்டி கிராமத்தில் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு அவர்கள் விரும்பும் வீட்டு மனைகள் கிடைக்காமலிருப்பதற்கு, ஜாதி இந்துக்களின் ஆலோசனையின் மீது, சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அதிகாரிகள் நடவடிக்கை எடுத்து வருகிறார்கள். அந்த ஜாதி இந்துக்களில் ஒருவர் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு வீடுகள் கட்டித்தருவதற்கு முன் வந்திருக்கிறார்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் தனித் தனி கேள்வி போடுங்கள்."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :— ' Sir, Government have no official information. If any philanthropic gentleman comes forward with such a proposal, surely, we will consider that proposal very sympathetically."